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REMARKS

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1. On 22 May 1952, soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were quartered in tents in Camp Apetlon (P 48/X 74). About 40 AA guns with flash hiders and about 35 motor vehicles were seen there. The roads in the camp and the drill grounds on the northwestern border of Apetlon were reconditioned. Motor vehicles observed included: [redacted] with a trailer carrying supply boxes and [redacted] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

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2. On 19 May, AA guns with flash hiders, trucks and an air target aiming device were seen in the cantonment east of Kaisersteinbruch (O 49/X 67). The air target consisted of two masts with a wire cable to which were fastened movable airplane models. (2)

3. [redacted] all except five low temporary barracks on the premises of the former aircraft plant 1 km south of Berg had been blasted. About 10 soldiers having a service color which could not be identified were present. Several vents which allegedly belonged to the underground installation were seen. The road to the factory was blocked to traffic. Local residents stated that the factory housed an ammunition depot which was guarded by a unit of about 50 men.

4. On 21 May, 51 trucks, 4 weapon carriers, 3 tank trucks and a tank of undetermined type were observed in the Fasangerarten Kaserne near Goetzendorf (P 49/X 57). Officers and EN observed entering and leaving the installation wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered blue epaulets. They included 1 colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, 12 field grade officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or tank insignia, 2 other colonels and 13 field grade officers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. [redacted]

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5. On 20 May, 54 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in close order drill in the cantonment in Kornenburg (P 49/S 30) along the road to Bismberg. The exercise was witnessed by 2 captains and 2 senior lieutenants who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The troops practiced with eight AA guns with flash hiders. Sixteen AA guns with muzzle brakes, 24 AA guns with flash hiders, 2 trailers, presumably AA computers, 6 trucks and 3 tank trucks stood in the billeting area. Seventeen soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and another 27 men with red-bordered black epaulets marched into the Albrechts Kaserne. Both groups had come from the direction of the cantonment. Three colonels and other field grade officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen entering and leaving the Albrechts Kaserne.

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Two colonels and 9 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen at the Soviet office at 7-9 Hovengasse which was guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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occupied by two majors with red-bordered black epaulets, were identified. All vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. (4)

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- (2) The 2500th AA Regt of the 13th Gds Hecz Div is carried in Kaisersteinbruch.
- (3) Elements of the 13th Gds Hecz Div and air force personnel are stationed in Goetzendorf.
- (4) According to the number of AA guns observed, 1 medium and more than 1 light AA regiment were stationed in Kornenburg at the end of May 1952.

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